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Dear Mom & Dad,

We just finished dinner which consisted of a delicious home-made soup and a chocolate soufflé which unfortunately fell. Well we will just have to try again although Vickie is discouraged. The weather has been warm for a few days and Vickie was able to play tennis outdoors this afternoon. A return to cold weather is expected this week.

Last weekend Murray and his girlfriend stopped by on the return from their round-the-world trip. We enjoyed talking to them about their travels. We went to see the King Tut exhibit that has been drawing such crowds. Vickie and Cheryl brazenly walked to the front of a long line to and slipped in the door to get tickets for later in the afternoon. I would never have the nerve to do that and my conscience bothered me all day! It really was too cold to stand in line, although the next day we went to see the Kennedy graves in Arlington Cemetery. The wind was howling and the temperature was in the teens - very uncomfortable to be outside.

We finally decided definitely to take a Caribbean trip and then found flights are pretty well filled through March with other frozen people. Oh well, now we are thinking of a Europe trip instead. And we definitely will be out to visit in the summer. Maybe you could join us for a the trip to Europe - first to London then Spain and Italy by train. We may go for a couple of weeks early in April.

I'm getting ready for a trip to San Diego this week. It will be pleasantly warm and I don't mind going. Vickie will be busy with tennis, shopping, ice skating, and a Smithsonian lecture. It sounds like you are keeping busy as well and it appears that your weather is very mild.

I got my tax return in early and I expect a ~~return~~ refund. Hope you will check the IRS guide "Tax Benefits for Older Americans" to insure you don't pay too much. Take a vacation soon and think about visiting us or going to Europe!

Love, Jim & Vickie